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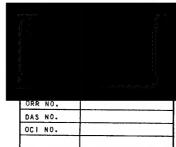


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The Soviet bloc states are buying up large quantities of 99 per cent pure molybdenum in France. The deals for this material are being organized by Vasil Sokolovski, & Russian by birth, and former secretary to Pierre Laval. He now belongs to the entourage of Loubel, who is involved in the traffic in other strategic materials.

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